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LETTER DATED 11 SEPTEMBER 1990 FROM THE HEAD OF THE DELEGATION OF FRANCE ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE FOURTH REVIEW CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES TO THE TREATY ON THE NON-PROLIFERATION OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS

I have the honour to transmit extracts from the statements made on 25 May 1978 by the President of the French Republic at the first special session of the General Assembly devoted to disarmament, and on 11 June 1982 by the French Minister for Foreign Affairs at the second special session devoted to disarmament, on the subject of France's commitment not to use nuclear weapons against non-nuclear-weapon States.

I should be grateful if you would have this letter circulated as an official document of the Conference, in accordance with the rules of procedure.

ANNEX

1. Extract from the statement by Mr. Valery Giscard d'Estaing, President of the Republic, on 25 May 1978, at the first special session of the General Assembly devoted to disarmament.

> ... (France is prepared) "to negotiate with the participants in nuclear-free zones so as to enter into firm and effective commitments, as needed, to preclude any use or threat of the use of nuclear weapons against States that are part of a nuclear-free zone".

2. Extract from the statement by Mr. Claude Cheysson, Minister for Foreign Affairs, on 11 June 1982, at the second special session of the General Assembly devoted to disarmament:

> ... "For its part, (France) states that it will not use nuclear weapons against a State that does not have them and that has pledged not to seek them, except if an act of aggression is carried out in association or alliance with a nuclear-weapon State against France or against a State with which France has a security commitment".